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What is claimed is:

1 1. A method comprising:
2 preparing data for display on a display;
3 modifying the data to form modified data; and
4 displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced
legibility.

1 2. The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in modifying, the data is modified in
2 accordance with one or more data attributes from the group comprising font, paragraph, page,
3 document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field,
4 file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1 3. The method recited in claim 1 and further comprising:
2 unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and
3 displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1 4. The method recited in claim 3 wherein, in unmodifying, the data is unmodified
2 in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a
3 cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a
4 microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

1 5. The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in displaying, the modified data is
2 blurred.

1 6. The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in modifying, a degree of blur is varied
2 in accordance with a data attribute from the group comprising font, paragraph, page,
3 document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field,
4 file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1 7. The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in modifying, a degree of blur is varied
2 in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a
3 cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a
4 microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

1 8. A computer including a memory to store data, and a user interface including a
2 display, the computer executing a computer program comprising the operations of:
3 preparing data for display on the display;
4 modifying the data to form modified data; and
5 displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data being illegible.

1 9. The computer recited in claim 8, wherein the data comprises one or more data
2 attributes, and wherein, in modifying, the computer program comprises the operation of
3 modifying the data in accordance with one or more data attributes from the group comprising
4 font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style
5 name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity,
6 and position.

1 10. The computer recited in claim 8, wherein the computer program further
2 comprises the operations of:
3 unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and
4 displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1 11. The computer recited in claim 10 wherein, in unmodifying, the computer
2 program comprises the operation of unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal
3 from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device,
4 a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a
5 combination thereof.

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1 12. The computer recited in claim 8 wherein, in displaying, the computer program
2 comprises the operation of blurring the modified data.

1 13. The computer recited in claim 12, wherein the data comprises one or more data
2 attributes, and wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a degree of
3 blur in accordance with a data attribute from the group comprising font, paragraph, page,
4 document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field,
5 file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1 14. The computer recited in claim 12 wherein the computer program, in the
2 modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a user
3 interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a
4 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination
5 thereof.

1 15. A computer network including a user device having a memory to store data and
2 a user interface including a display, and a remote computing device, the computer network
3 executing a computer program residing on the remote computing device comprising the
4 operations of:

5 preparing data for display on the display;
6 modifying the data to form modified data; and
7 displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data being illegible.

1 16. The computer network in claim 15, wherein the data comprises one or more
2 data attributes, and wherein, in modifying, the computer program comprises the operation of
3 modifying the data in accordance with one or more data attributes from the group comprising
4 font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style
5 name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity,
6 and position.

1 17. The computer network recited in claim 15, wherein the computer program
2 further comprises the operations of:
3 unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and
4 displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1 18. The computer network recited in claim 17 wherein, in unmodifying, the
2 computer program comprises the operation of unmodifying the data in accordance with a
3 control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a
4 pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive
5 screen, or a combination thereof.

1 19. The computer network recited in claim 15 wherein, in displaying, the computer
2 program comprises the operation of blurring the modified data.

1 20. The computer network recited in claim 19, wherein the data comprises one or
2 more data attributes, and wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a
3 degree of blur in accordance with a data attribute from the group comprising font, paragraph,
4 page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text,
5 field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1 21. The computer network recited in claim 19 wherein the computer program, in
2 the modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a
3 user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a
4 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination
5 thereof.

1 22. An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having associated
2 instructions, wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in a machine performing:
3 preparing data for display on a display;
4 modifying the data to form modified data; and

5 displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced
6 legibility.

1 23. The article of claim 22, wherein the data comprises one or more data attributes,
2 and wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine
3 performing:

4 in modifying, modifying the data in accordance with one or more data attributes from
5 the group comprising font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name,
6 date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular
7 orientation, intensity, and position.

1 24. The article of claim 22, wherein the machine-accessible medium further
2 includes instructions which, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing:
3 unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and
4 displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1 25. The article recited in claim 24 wherein the instructions, when accessed by the
2 machine, result in the machine performing:

3 in unmodifying, unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal from a user
4 interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a
5 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination
6 thereof.

1 26. The article recited in claim 22 wherein the instructions, when accessed by the
2 machine, result in the machine performing:

3 in displaying, blurring the modified data.

1 27. The article recited in claim 26, wherein the data comprises one or more data
2 attributes, and wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine
3 performing:

4 in modifying, varying a degree of blur in accordance with a data attribute from the
5 group comprising font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name,
6 date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular
7 orientation, intensity, and position.

1 28. The article recited in claim 26, wherein the instructions, when accessed by the
2 machine, result in the machine performing:

3 in modifying, varying a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a user
4 interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a
5 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination
6 thereof.